(54) **SERVICE FUNCTION CHAINING SFC-BASED PACKET FORWARDING METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM**

(57)   The present invention discloses an SFC-based packet forwarding method, an apparatus, and a system, which can implement redirection of a packet forwarding path through automatic configuration that is performed by a control node on a service function forwarding node. The packet forwarding method includes: receiving, by a first service function forwarding node, a packet forwarding rule sent by a control node, where the packet forwarding rule is used to indicate a mapping relationship between a match item of traffic characteristic information of a packet and route prefix information; receiving, by the first service function forwarding node, a first packet, where a header of the first packet carries traffic characteristic information of the first packet; determining, by the first service function forwarding node based on the packet forwarding rule, target route prefix information corresponding to the traffic characteristic information of the first packet; and determining, by the first service function forwarding node, target next-hop information based on the target route prefix information, and forwarding the first packet based on the target next-hop information.
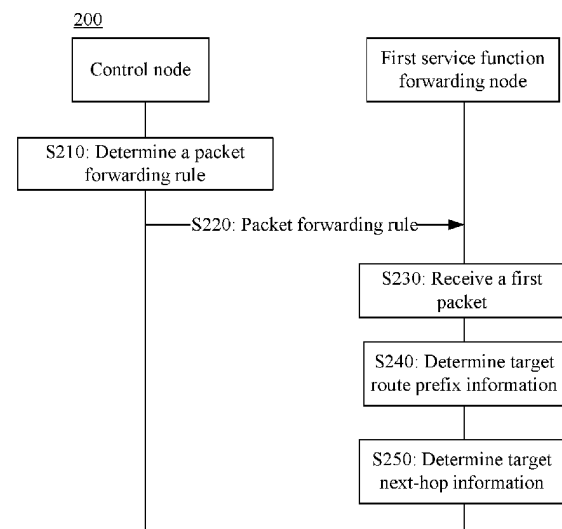
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